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August 13, 2002

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Mr. Jonathan G. Katz, Secretary Securities and Exchange Commission 450 Fifth Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20549-0609 RECEIVED
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

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Re:

Securities and Exchange Commission File No. 4-460: Order of June 27, 2002 Requiring the Filing of Sworn Statements Pursuant to Section

21(a)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

## Dear Mr. Katz:

Enclosed for filing with the Commission in accordance with the above-referenced Order are copies (by facsimile) and executed originals (by overnight courier) of the swom statements of Randall W. Larrimore, the President and Chief Executive Officer (the principal executive officer), and Kathleen S. Dvorak, the Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (the principal financial officer), of United Stationers Inc. regarding facts and circumstances relating to Exchange Act filings, each in the form of Exhibit A to the Order.

Please acknowledge receipt of the enclosed by file stamping (i) the enclosed copy of this letter and (ii) the enclosed copy of each of the sworn statements, and return such file-stamped copies to the undersigned in the enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Should you have any questions about these enclosures, please feel free to contact the undersigned at (847) 627-2087.

Very truly yours,

Deidra D. Gold

Senior Vice President, General Counsel

and Secretary

**Enclosures** 

cc:

Randall W. Larrimore

Kathleen S. Dvorak

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## Statement Under Oath of Principal Financial Officer Regarding Facts and Circumstances Relating to Exchange Act Filings

I, Kathleen S. Dvorak, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of United Stationers Inc., state and attest that:

- (1) To the best of my knowledge, based upon a review of the covered reports of United Stationers Inc., and except as corrected or supplemented in a subsequent covered report:
  - no covered report contained an untrue statement of a material fact as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed); and
  - no covered report omitted to state a material fact necessary to make the statements in the covered report, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed).
- (2) I have reviewed the contents of this statement with the Company's audit committee.
- (3) In this statement under oath, each of the following, if filed on or before the date of this statement, is a "covered report":
  - the Annual Report on Form 10-K of United Stationers Inc. for the year ended December 31, 2001, filed with the Commission on April 1, 2002;
  - all reports on Form 10-Q, all reports on Form 8-K and all definitive proxy materials of United Stationers Inc. filed with the Commission subsequent to the filing of the Form 10-K identified above; and

any amendments to any of the foregoing.

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Kathleen S. Dvorak August 13, 2002

"OFFICIAL SEAL"
Roberta M. Berger
Notary Public, State of Illinois

My Commission Expires 08/08/2005

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of August 2002.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 8/8/05